

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

DIVERSITY LEARNING

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education support diversity learning as instrumental to success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's increasingly diverse population is a valuable asset for the state's future economic development; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning enables students to communicate with others who are different from themselves; promotes mutual understanding; and prepares them to effectively participate in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning in public schools contributes to excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, students should have teachers who are trained to teach about diversity and handle sensitive issues in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, diversity learning promotes social well-being among students by helping reduce conflict, bullying and violence in schools; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education will continue to promote diversity learning in public forums; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages local school boards to implement policies and practices that promote diversity learning.



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John C. Austin, President

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